

TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
for January 18, 2005

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at the Town Hall.

Town Council President Benjamin Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with Councilperson John Wilhelm, Clerk-Treasurer Anne Hiestand and Town Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Ben Bolton opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson John Wilhelm moved that the minutes are approved as presented. Council President Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of December 31, 2004:

City Savings CD	\$5,227.15
Bank One Checking Account	\$37,894.04
Bank One Money Market Account	\$139,010.37
First State Bank of Porter Checking Account	\$331,214.26
TOTAL	\$513,345.82

Councilperson John Wilhelm made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, which motion was seconded by Council President Ben Bolton and the motion unanimously carried.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Councilperson John Wilhelm made the motion to accept the claims as presented with the addition of another invoice for Star Uniforms. Council President Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES for January 2005:

Andrew W. Belsha	January Payroll	\$591.84
Atha W. Belsha	January Payroll	\$1,299.71
Ray Friday	January Payroll	\$155.35
Anne Hiestand	January Payroll	\$354.59
David W. Kristophel	January Payroll	\$767.78
Philip A. Lepley	January Payroll	\$1,115.19
Nick Markovich	January Payroll	\$1,053.65
Terry R. Trout	January Payroll	\$432.45
Garrett L. Tyrrell	January Payroll	\$683.40
Bank One	Payroll Liability Check	\$1,732.28

Indiana Dept. of Revenue	Payroll Liability Check	\$294.05
Town of Porter	1/2 annual payment	\$6,037.50
Ferrellgas	Tank filled	\$116.40
Ray Friday	Use of truck in Dec. 04	\$19.92
Able Disposal	Monthly garbage service	\$26.52
NIPSCO	Gas & electric	\$1,238.95
Anton Insurance	Adding Equipment to Sched	\$15.00
Chesterton Duneland Chamber of Commerce	2005 Dues	\$172.00
Star Uniforms	Pants & Sew on two patches	\$108.50
Indiana American Water Co.	Water for Gatehouse	\$35.04
Nextel	Monthly Service	\$58.96
Verizon North	Monthly phone	\$134.75
Pinkerton Fuels & Lubricants	Monthly gasoline for vehicles	\$121.37
Bank One Credit Card	See itemization	\$94.05
Indiana Association of Cities & Towns	2005 dues	\$557.00
Sa-So Public Safety	Speed bumps for park	\$1,001.47
Newark InOne	Relays and connectors	\$61.24
Martin Security Systems, Inc.	1st Qtr. Monitoring Clubhouse	\$60.00
Tilden Enterprises	Salt for sidewalk	\$34.40
Irv Call	Photocopies	\$12.88
Davis Aviation	Aerial Deer Count	\$665.00
		\$19,051.24

CORRESPONDENCE: Councilperson John Wilhelm read a letter dated 12/24/04 from Lt. Rob Nash serving in Iraq thanking the Town for cards letters, and packages that had been sent to his platoon in Iraq.

It was also announced that a long time resident and recently Park Commissioner Don Gourley, 1 Crest Drive, had recently had open heart surgery replacing part of the aorta and he was in stable condition at Porter, Valparaiso Medical Campus.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE: Although Commissioner Mark Hull was absent due to a recent angioplasty procedure Councilperson John Wilhelm presented the new fire contract with the Town of Porter which had recently been ratified by the Town of Porter Town Council. The new contract called for annual five (5%) percent increases as follows:

2005	\$12,075.00
2006	\$12,679.00
2007	\$13,313.00
2008	\$13,979.00
2009	\$14,678.00

Councilperson John Wilhelm made a motion that the Fire Contract be approved by the Town Council. Council President Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Atty. Dan Whitten was given copies of the previous five year contract and the present 2005-2009

contract. He will review the contract and make recommendations next month if he sees any problems with the contract as adopted including whether the Town's insurance would cover indemnification of the Town of Porter. Councilperson John Wilhelm also thanked Chief Craig of Porter for the use of fire hoses to fill the Dune Acres' ice skating rink.

MUNICIPAL CODE: Although Chairman Bill Nixon has gone to Florida for the winter months, it was reported that the existing ordinances had been sent into Municipal Code Corporation for their review.

ROADS/TOWN ENGINEER: Commissioner Irv Call reported that he had received positive comments about the road conditions so far this winter. He audited the equipment and facilities of Jon's Tree Service, contractor for snow removal this winter. A 50/50 mix of Clearlane (a salt product from Cargill) and sand are being used.

The Clubhouse sprinkler system is ready for commissioning. It will require three or four volunteers with 2-way radios to man the hoses and valves to check the system as a whole.

Commissioner Call recommends that the Town make proposals to the Town of Porter and the Town of Ogden Dunes for rental of some of their specialized equipment. Town resident Terry Hiestand mentioned that the Porter County Solid Waste District was auctioning equipment including a chipper.

Commissioner Call made several other recommendations, including eliminating the Nextel phones, curtaining off the kitchen of the Clubhouse to reduce NIPSCO costs, purchasing a VCR and Monitor for the security cameras and making changes to the interior of the gatehouse.

Commissioner Irv Call also reported for Police Commissioner Cecilia Call that flyers requesting residents update their emergency contact information had been distributed and completed forms were being returned.

PARKS: Park Commissioner Kellie Klein was absent.

BEACH: Beach Commissioner Rob Carstens was absent.

BUILDING: Building Commissioner John Sullivan was absent but his wife Heidi Sullivan reported that the only activity to report was the issuance of a demolition permit for Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary to demolish a vacated residence at 64 West Road.

MAINTENANCE: Maintenance Commissioner Bill Griffin was absent.

POLICE: Police Commissioner Cecilia Call was absent. Councilperson John Wilhelm requested that Commissioner Call research new vehicle stickers for spring issuance. He suggested that they use the same logo but perhaps a different shape and/or color. He also would like to have the name, Dune Acres, included in the design. Clerk-Treasurer Anne Hiestand will call Commissioner Cecilia Call with the Council's request and the name of the

Michigan City printer that made the stickers five years ago.

ENVIRONMENT: Environmental Commissioner Sue Smith reported Town Clean Up is set for Saturday, April 30, 2005 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. There will be two dumpsters again: one for household “stuff” and other for leaves only. The leaves are to be unbagged. Any limbs must go in the household bin.

The Environmental Committee is interested in starting a junior group this spring. They would take hikes in Dune Acres once a month and explore our parks.

Commissioner Smith reported that Noel Pavlovic is still working on our Grant to remove bittersweet. She passed out copies of J.F. New 2005 Catalogues and hopes to plan a tour of their nursery in June.

Mr. Connor Shaw, owner of Possiblity Place Nursery in Monee is coming to Dune Acres to give a slide presentation on native landscaping. The presentation will be Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Smith also reported that Porter County Solid Waste District will be accepting electronics on January 22, 2005 at their Valparaiso Compost site on Highway 130 west of Valparaiso. They will also recycle used cell phones for the Caring Place if they are brought to the compost site this Saturday.

Commissioner Smith suggested that the Town construct steps and a boardwalk to the Town Beach across from the Nau property at 76 East Road to help control erosion at that location.

WATER: Council President Ben Bolton reported that the Oak Drive water line improvement project was completed but there was a great deal of clean up that needs to be done. He asked Indiana American Water Co. for an accounting of the cost of the project and estimate cost of the Circle and Ridge Drive projects for 2005.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clubhouse Repairs: The Clerk-Treasurer reported that if the Town put a hold on all other capital project spending \$40,000 could be available for Clubhouse repairs in 2005. The Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation is considering a Fund Drive. Town resident Terry Hiestand urged the Council to hire a professional to inspect the Clubhouse and write specifications for bidding any necessary repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Rentals Resolution: Councilperson John Wilhelm read a resolution to formalize the Town Council’s position on no Clubhouse rentals during the months of December, January, February, and March. The resolution was given to Atty. Dan Whitten for review and the idea will be revisited in February.

Organization for 2005: Art Tonner’s BZA term has expired and Albert Crewe has asked to step down. Bonnie Thomas, 22 Ridge Drive, is appointed to the new 4-year term

replacing Art Tonner. Bob Hartmann is appointed to complete Albert Crewe's term which expires at the end of 2005.

Councilperson John Wilhelm announced that the Town needs an editor for the Town's newsletter the *Beachcomber*.

At 8:22 p.m. Council President Bolton entertained a motion from Councilperson John Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Benjamin Bolton, Council President

John Wilhelm, Councilperson

Anne Hiestand, Clerk-Treasurer